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Abstract

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for Junaid, my son

All day, she grieves for him,
For sunlit days unborn in him.

She tells her grief to stars.
She cancels spring for him.

In dream, she starts her day
Still packing lunch for him.

She laughs to lift my grief.
She takes her cue from him.

She asks the Lord of life
If *he* grants life in him.

Cell morphing inside him,
God took her son to him.

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